



1.1. Background

The number of trained paediatric allergists, as well as of allergists with a background in adult medicine is not sufficient to provide good care to all children suffering from allergies. Therefore, EAACI was launching a campaign mostly aimed at primary care physicians to improve awareness of early allergy diagnosis. The campaign, now in its first year, has already confirmed the strong demand by primary care physicians for education in paediatric allergy. The EAACI section on paediatrics wants to improve continuous education of primary care physicians by various means. The section has decided to go local and to organize **one-day symposia** aimed to primary care physicians (general practitioner, paediatricians).

1.2. Organisation issues

- The section on paediatrics of EAACI decides on the scientific frame of the meeting. The section on paediatrics will oversee the organisation process, and will have the possibility to implement final decisions in order to guarantee the spirit of the campaign.
- The organisation of the symposia will involve national/local societies for Allergy or Paediatric Allergy, in collaboration with societies for General Practitioners and Paediatricians.
- The symposia should be held for one day, in cities identified as regional centres. Participants should be able to travel and attend the symposium on the same day. Morning and afternoon sessions should be organized, and lunch provided.
- A low fee (adapted to the standard of living) should be asked to the participants! The fee might cover e.g. lunch expenses.
- The symposium might be repeated in the same format up to three times in the same country, within a short range of time.
- The symposia should involve a few International speakers (max 5) identified as experts in their fields.
- Their presentations should address main topics of paediatric allergy such as respiratory diseases, skin problems, and food allergies (see tentative program). The presentations will focus mostly on current guidelines on diagnosis and treatment. Local experts will address the same topics and report on local particularities (antigens...) and local treatment guidelines.
- In non-English speaking countries, a simultaneous translation will be provided.
- The venue of the symposia should take place in a university/school auditorium, a local forum, or a hotel, providing that they offer a sufficient setting for such an event.
- Invitations and advertisement should be taken care by local organisations. Other costs will be taken care by EAACI/GA²LEN (European Union grant to promote Excellence in Allergy Care). Funding is provisional of acceptance of individual Symposia by EAACI and GA²LEN. Partners from the industry are in principle not included in this project.

Tentative program for a PAPRICA symposium

09:30 – 09:45

Welcome message by EAACI and local organisation representative, presentation of the symposium

09:45 – 10:45

The allergic child (epidemiology, the allergic march, primary allergy prevention, early allergy testing) (EAACI and national/local speaker)

10:45 – 11:45

Atopic dermatitis (diagnosis, the role of allergy in AEDS, treatment) (EAACI and national/local speaker)

11:45 – 12:45

Food allergy (epidemiology, clinical syndromes, treatment of accidental reactions, dietary issues) (EAACI and national/local speaker)

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00

Respiratory allergy in childhood (infant wheezing, allergic asthma, rhinitis and conjunctivitis diagnosis, treatment, prognosis) (EAACI and national/local speaker)

15:00 – 16:00

Drug allergy (mechanisms, allergens, investigations) (EAACI and national/local speaker)

16:00 – 17:00

Round table: Taking care of the allergic child, difficulties, open questions (all)

17:00 – 17:10

Symposium wrap up